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Delay of Activities at OU 3 and in RFP Buffer Zone due to the Bald Eagles Nesting at Standley Lake

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On February 4, 1993, Mr. Bob Birk, RFO OU 3 project manager, informally requested that all activities at OU 3 in the vicinity of the northwest portion of Standley Lake be halted until appropriate consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding bald eagles nesting in the vicinity of Standley Lake have been completed. This letter serves to formalize the request.

We request that the following activities at OU 3 be halted or delayed until RFO has completed the required consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) with the FWS:

- 1) collection of surficial soil samples in Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 of T2S R69W,
- 2) installation of the air monitoring station at Standley Lake,
- 3) performance of the air tunnel study at Standley Lake, and
- 4) tilling, revegetating and chemical application at the Jefferson County property.

In addition to OU 3 activities, EG&G should very carefully review both existing and planned activities in the RFP buffer zone. Steve Nesta, EG&G Manager of the NEPA and Ecology Division, should be contacted at extension 8605 for a determination of whether an RFP buffer zone activity may require ESA consultation with the FWS.

You are directed not to initiate any of the above activities until necessary ESA compliance with the FWS has been completed and RFO informs EG&G in writing that activities may resume. Compliance with the ESA, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act is of paramount importance to DOE.

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